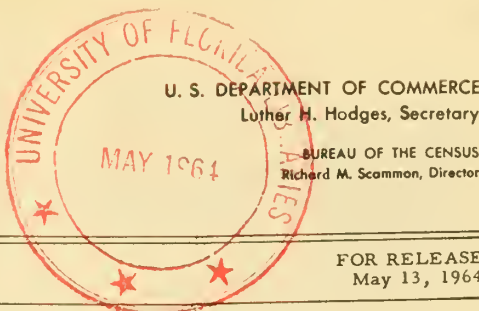


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## EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise from \$2,063.0 million in February to \$2,151.3 million in March<sup>1</sup>, an increase of about four percent, reflected increases in exports of finished manufactures, semimanufactures, and crude foodstuffs, which were partly offset by decreases in exports of crude materials and manufactured foodstuffs. The March 1964 domestic merchandise export total was about three percent higher than the March 1963 total of \$2,097.4 million. These figures include data on Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments.

With Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments excluded, March exports of domestic merchandise were valued at \$2,099.2 million, about seven percent higher than the February total of \$1,966.0 million and about three percent higher than the March 1963 total of \$2,031.2 million.

The increase in exports of finished manufactures from \$1,188.5 million in February to \$1,245.3 million in March was due in part

to increases in exports of construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery, from \$81.2 to \$93.0 million; automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from \$74.1 to \$81.0 million; tractors, from \$22.6 to \$28.2 million; and machine tools and parts, from \$25.3 to \$30.9 million. Exports of semi-manufactures increased from \$289.5 to \$326.4 million largely as a result of small increases in exports of most of the individual items included in this economic class, the largest of which was coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products, from \$17.4 to \$22.0 million. The increase in exports of crude foodstuffs, from \$209.7 to \$228.3 million, was primarily due to an increase in exports of wheat, from \$116.8 to \$145.9 million.

Exports of crude materials fell from \$237.9 to \$215.5 million owing chiefly to decreases in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from \$74.9 to \$64.4 million, and unmanufactured tobacco, from \$28.6 to \$19.1 million. However, exports of inedible animal and fish oils and greases, also included in this economic class, advanced from \$10.6 to \$16.1 million. Exports of manufactured foodstuffs decreased slightly from \$137.3 to \$135.8 million as a result of small scattered decreases in most of the commodities included in this economic class. However, an increase in exports of dairy products, from \$7.6 to \$12.8 million, counteracted the general decline.

<sup>1</sup>See the March 1964 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments. Seasonally adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

### EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

**COVERAGE:** Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments (for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report), Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. (The separate information which is available on exports under P.L. 480 and related laws may be obtained from the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered an imports, is not included in export statistics.

**VALUATION:** The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

**RELIABILITY:** The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling in either less than \$50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown. In addition to the effects of sampling variation, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipments valued under \$100 (estimated data for such shipments are included in the over-all export total and in the totals for "Finished manufactures" and "All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1" but excluded from other totals), and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under \$50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
MARCH 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1964 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1963 include revisions published with the December 1963 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1964. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified)

Economic class and commodity <sup>1</sup>	March 1964	February 1964	March 1963	Monthly average 1963
Total.....value..	<sup>2</sup> 2,151.3	<sup>3</sup> 2,063.0	<sup>4</sup> 2,097.4	<sup>5</sup> 1,910.1
Crude materials.....value..	215.5	237.9	204.9	214.7
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	6.4	6.8	7.7	6.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	230,796	160,043	164,113	155,156
value..	16.1	10.6	9.8	10.0
Oilseeds.....value..	46.9	46.3	40.3	42.2
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	23,529	36,308	36,027	42,124
value..	19.1	28.6	27.4	33.6
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	514	597	476	393
value..	64.4	74.9	59.2	48.9
Coal.....1,000 s.tons..	3,114	3,213	2,988	4,203
value..	29.9	31.1	29.0	39.5
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	233	98	95	141
value..	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4
All other crude materials.....value..	32.2	39.2	31.2	34.0
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	228.3	209.7	190.0	189.4
Corn.....1,000 bu..	33,405	33,390	36,449	36,492
value..	45.9	46.6	49.7	49.1
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	81,493	65,605	55,141	53,257
value..	145.9	116.8	98.8	95.1
Other grains.....value..	10.2	22.1	16.1	18.7
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	108,699	103,300	237,135	155,221
value..	6.8	6.6	11.8	9.0
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	115,235	116,261	69,720	111,542
value..	9.6	9.4	6.9	9.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	3.2	1.9	0.3	0.7
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	6.6	6.2	6.5	7.0
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	135.8	137.3	157.1	124.8
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	54,282	57,326	52,590	47,019
value..	15.0	16.6	13.8	13.0
Lard.....1,000 lb..	51,635	52,304	40,496	44,806
value..	5.3	5.4	3.8	4.0
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	104,073	53,478	80,262	66,620
value..	12.8	7.6	12.2	10.2
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	2,533	5,045	3,115	2,873
value..	1.0	2.2	1.2	1.4
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	354	418	348	219
value..	24.2	28.3	23.2	14.7
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	2,183	2,527	4,196	2,801
value..	8.7	9.6	16.0	10.8
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.3
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	14,267	14,922	13,578	17,271
value..	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.5
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	28,539	30,044	40,855	42,857
value..	4.0	4.6	5.7	5.8
Fruit juices.....1,000 gal..	1,613	2,074	3,607	2,446
value..	3.1	3.5	4.3	3.4
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	72,733	70,776	163,758	71,994
value..	8.5	8.7	19.9	9.2
Sugar and related products.....value..	2.8	2.0	2.8	2.2
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	19.9	17.4	15.1	16.3
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	22.3	23.5	31.9	25.9
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	326.4	289.5	289.9	273.6
Leather.....value..	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.4
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	60,598	64,518	63,532	52,865
value..	16.0	15.2	14.7	13.0

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
MARCH 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity <sup>1</sup>	March 1964	February 1964	March 1963	Monthly average 1963
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> —Continued				
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.8
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	87,777	63,008	62,455	59,592
.....value..	8.2	5.9	6.5	6.0
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	40,081	37,470	40,794	33,977
.....value..	5.7	5.2	5.8	4.8
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	11,912	14,085	12,209	12,617
.....value..	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.8
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	19,627	19,536	17,371	18,127
.....value..	15.2	13.7	13.9	13.1
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd. ft..	97,260	68,042	70,473	73,055
.....value..	11.9	8.5	8.7	9.0
Wood pulp.....1,000 s. tons..	139	120	116	118
.....value..	18.4	15.5	15.0	15.2
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	2,384	1,529	2,500	2,674
.....value..	5.9	3.9	7.3	7.7
Sulfur.....1,000 l. tons..	140	107	128	134
.....value..	2.7	2.1	2.7	2.8
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	5.6	3.8	1.1	2.4
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	19,639	25,336	14,881	19,696
.....value..	2.3	2.9	1.8	2.3
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	173,119	176,530	131,410	124,510
.....value..	18.3	18.5	16.7	15.5
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	58,017	60,448	87,707	68,844
.....value..	4.1	4.4	6.6	4.9
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	23.5	19.3	13.9	16.8
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	13.6	11.9	11.8	11.4
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	17.1	16.9	17.8	16.6
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	22.0	17.4	16.3	16.5
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	97,687	90,489	80,249	74,100
.....value..	29.8	27.7	26.9	24.1
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	36.9	33.6	35.1	32.2
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	42,337	40,739	52,803	40,894
.....value..	4.5	4.2	5.5	4.5
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	135,097	78,852	115,198	109,612
.....value..	2.8	2.0	2.4	2.5
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	51.7	47.2	50.1	43.5
Finished manufactures.....value..	1,245.3	1,188.5	1,255.5	1,107.6
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	78	85	100	82
.....value..	2.4	2.5	3.3	2.5
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	10.5	9.7	12.2	9.3
Cigarettes.....millions..	2,107	1,702	2,043	1,968
.....value..	9.6	7.8	9.2	8.9
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	1.3	0.6	1.2	1.1
Cotton cloth.....value..	10.1	9.2	10.8	9.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	9.8	8.0	8.8	7.4
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	19.6	15.5	17.6	14.8
Other textile manufactures.....value..	7.0	6.7	6.7	5.9
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	3.3	3.0	2.4	2.6
Paper and manufactures.....value..	33.5	29.3	29.5	26.1
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	3.0	1.2	2.1	2.7
Lubricating oil.....value..	17.5	18.3	18.7	19.1
Glass and products.....value..	10.4	8.9	10.1	8.2
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	11.1	10.1	17.6	13.2
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	45.4	41.9	49.3	40.2
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	20,602	16,527	23,132	17,294
.....value..	3.2	2.8	3.4	2.7
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	39.3	40.4	34.8	33.4
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	80.5	89.5	82.4	77.3
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	31.2	27.2	30.9	26.1
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery.....value..	93.0	81.2	78.8	73.5
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	30.9	25.3	24.6	21.0
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	13.5	16.8	19.6	16.0
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	17.7	14.6	16.3	12.6
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	122.3	115.4	123.6	104.3

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
MARCH 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity <sup>1</sup>	March 1964	February 1964	March 1963	Monthly average 1963
Finished manufactures—Continued				
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	33.5	34.2	40.2	30.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	23.9	20.1	18.6	15.2
Tractors.....number..	43,131	9,387	12,806	5,895
.....value..	28.2	22.6	21.7	21.6
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	17.4	13.9	14.5	13.6
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	11,362	13,216	9,810	10,061
.....value..	26.1	27.8	24.7	22.1
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	11,097	13,193	11,928	12,041
.....value..	22.5	25.7	23.4	22.2
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	81.0	74.1	67.4	64.0
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	13.4	18.4	8.2	11.6
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	92.8	92.1	130.3	103.4
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	11	9	4	6
.....value..	1.3	0.6	0.2	0.9
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	7.9	6.5	14.6	12.0
Antibiotics.....value..	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.7
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	18.7	18.3	20.8	17.5
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	2.2	3.4	2.9	4.7
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	12.1	27.4	28.5	18.3
Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	32.5	25.4	25.7	33.4
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	198.1	184.9	192.3	171.4

<sup>1</sup>Based on commodity classifications in Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-E showing the Schedule B numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. <sup>2</sup>Includes \$52.1 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments (\$15.5 million to Western Europe). <sup>3</sup>Includes \$97.0 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (\$35.0 million to Western Europe). <sup>4</sup>Includes \$66.2 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (\$16.0 million to Western Europe). <sup>5</sup>Includes \$76.6 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (\$26.0 million to Western Europe). <sup>6</sup>See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for explanation of Special Category commodities and list of commodities included.

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